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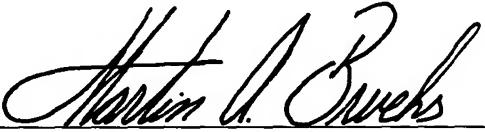
Claims 1-8 are pending herein. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 9-10 are canceled. Applicants respectfully request prompt and favorable examination on the merits.

If there are questions concerning this response, or the application in general, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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